

## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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## TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of inventor(s) RANGARAJAN SUNDAR entitled STENT WITH IMPROVED SURFACE ADHESION for a(n):

- Original Patent Application.  
 Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):  
 Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-in-part (CIP)       Regular Filing of Provisional of prior Application Serial No. 60/464,440 filed on April 22, 2003.  
 A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

- Specification; 19 Total Pages (including title page)       Drawing(s); 3 Total Sheet(s).  
 Oath or Declaration:  
 A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:  
 Signed.       Unsigned.       Partially Signed.  
 A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).  
 Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.  
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 Preliminary Amendment.       Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.  
 A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed):  
 Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity.  
 Copy, Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity filed in prior application (status still proper and desired).  
 Other:

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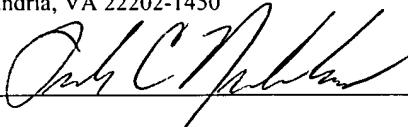
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